

**Alabama Child Death Review System
State Team Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2010**

State Team Members Present:

Dr. Stephen Boudreau (Proxy-Michael Sparks)
Aretha Bracy (Proxy-Representative Mike Millican)
Cathy Crabtree
Captain Gerone Grant (Proxy-Col. J. Christopher Murphy)

Bill Harris
Steve Lafreniere (Proxy- Commissioner John Houston)
Dr. Thomas Miller (Proxy-Dr. Don Williamson)
Dr. Cheryl Outland
Dr. Gillis Payne
J.R. Sample
Shirley Scanlan (Proxy-(Comm. Nancy Buckner)
Dianne Sims (Proxy-Senator Linda Coleman)
Dr. Kenneth Snell
Dr. Karl Stegall

Absent:

Jannah Bailey
Joy Deupree
Sheriff Herbie Johnson
Marian Loftin
Johnny Long (Proxy-Dr.
Robert Brissie)
Chief Ray Moore
Sheriff Bobby Timmons
Amy Trammell
Kristi A. Valls
April Holcomb-Weaver
Dr. Dale Wisely

Guests/Staff Present:

Richard Burleson
Dawn Ellis
Christy Mehaffey
Janice Smiley

Jerry Williams
Theresa Wilson

Call to Order

On January 21, 2010, at 1:00 PM at the Alabama Industrial Development Training (AIDT) Center in Montgomery, Alabama, the Alabama Child Death Review System (ACDRS) State Team meeting was called to order by Richard Burleson.

Welcome of Members and Guests

Mr. Burleson welcomed everyone and introductions were made by those in attendance.

Old Business

State Team Membership Update

Mr. Burleson reported on the process of requesting replacements from the Governor's office for three appointees and also working on the appointment for the Alabama Academy for Family Physicians.

Approval of Past Minutes

The minutes for the October 22, 2009 meeting could not be approved because a quorum was not present.

ACDRS Annual Report

Mr. Burleson gave an overview of the layout of the Annual Report for Completed 2006 data and the report should go to print by the end of the year.

Status of Case Report Update

Mr. Burleson reported the case return rate was greater than 95% for 2006 data. The deadline to submit review cases for inclusion in the report for 2007 data is April 1, 2010.

Legislative Issues

Mr. Burleson reported that one of the legislative issues that impact ACDRS is the bill to strengthen the current Alabama Graduated Driver's License Law and also the Texting Ban bill that effects all drivers.

New Business

Guest Speakers / Presentations

Pike County Local Child Death Review Team, Jerry Williams presented the specifics on two cases reviewed by their local review team and the team recommendations that were implemented for life saving results. Mr. Williams described the makeup and disciplines of their team members and he also encouraged the State Team's assistance and patience as the team resumed its local review meetings. The team is current on their 2007 review cases.

Children First Foundation, Christy Mehaffey presented an overview on the background of the Children First Foundation (CFF). Their focus for this legislative year is watching the budget for twelve state agencies and efforts to strengthen the current Alabama Graduated Driver's License Law.

State Perinatal Coordinator, Janice Smiley presented a brief overview including statistical information on The Fetal and Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) Program implemented statewide in 2009 to address the high infant mortality rate.

2010 Proposed Meeting Dates

The proposed meeting dates for 2010 are April 22, July 22 and October 21.

Open Discussion

Mr. Burleson reported on the approval status of the ACDRS budget and a brief summary of the *Every Child Matters Summit* that he attended in DC last October.

After a brief discussion, State Team members agreed to adjust the current meeting time of 1:00 pm to 10:00 am on a trial basis until further notice. **The April 22, 2010 meeting time is 10:00 am.**

Executive Session (if necessary)

An executive session was not called during this meeting.

Adjourn

There being no further items on the agenda and no further discussion requested, without objection, the meeting was adjourned.